



Kiwanis Club of Arlington KIWANIGRAM



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Encourage Excellence

Jannette Workman announces engagement

Wedding bells will soon be ringing for Titanium Jannette Workman, who for years has been searching for that ideal mate. She finally found him in BooBoo, whom she introduced to her Kiwanis family at last Wednesday's meeting.



It appears that Jannette, who has always been high maintenance, has hit a home run with this one. BooBoo seems to be a very compliant fellow and will undoubtedly do whatever Jannette asks of him, pandering to her every want and need. They have similar interests in fashion and style and both love "Dancing with the Stars." And they both are made of mostly man-made materials.

Jannette is the daughter of the late WO Workman, who was the founder of this Kiwanis Club, as well as Rolling Hills Country Club, the AISD, the Parks Mall and the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in Beverly Hills.

The happy couple plans a March wedding at the FUMC, the Reverend Ron Albertson presiding, and will honeymoon in the wheat fields of central Iowa.

Dexter Betts (55 years) and Jack Best (50 years) receive updated Legion of Honor awards



Former Sundowner Jeremy Normand signs on with the KCA

Newest member Jeremy Normand reports the following:

"I was born in the Metroplex and have lived here all my life except for my college years, which I spent in Virginia and Spain. I graduated from the College of William and Mary in 1992, the 299th year of the school. I began my career with State Farm Insurance a few months later.

"I married Dianne Deacon in 1994, and we started a family, moved to Arlington, started my State Farm Agency at 3000 S Cooper Street, and joined Sundown Kiwanis in 1999. We have three children, Joseph, 8, Wills, 6, and Caroline 3 and live in North Arlington.

"I regrettably resigned Sundown Kiwanis due to schedule conflicts and look forward to getting to know the Noon Club."

Jeremy has several hot buttons, several of which with a little luck will be exploited in future issues of this revered journalistic effort.

I do have it in writing that he supports Hillary for president, which should frost John Hyde and the right wing of the KCA.

Let the fireworks begin!



Kiwanis Southwest
presents
Chili Day
Saturday, Nov 17th
11 am - 7 pm
St. Albans Episcopal Church
Tickets: \$5.00

Ferguson JHS Builders Club off to another great year

The Builders Club at Ferguson Junior High School held two organizational meetings in September, which resulted in a membership of approximately 60 students. The following: officers were elected: President- Demi Busby, Vice-President- Megan Sparks, and Secretary-Christie Gutierrez. Serving as lead sponsor is Greg Meeks assisted by Jenita Davidson and Scott Jordan while Elwood Preiss serves as the Kiwanis liaison.

The club held two September projects. Members worked the concession stand at two school football games and earned \$316 for the club. As a reward for their hard work members enjoyed pizza at their September 26 meeting.

The October meeting was devoted to preparation for the Halloween project, which is selling Boo Grams to fellow students. During the meeting members made Boo Grams, prepared both large and small posters announcing their availability, and signed up to sell them during lunch periods. The Boo Grams will be distributed at the school on Halloween.

We look forward to an active and productive year from the Builders Club.

Kiwanis Six-Flags Sunrise
offers for your consideration
The Apple Jack Memorial Apple Sale
Extra Fancy Red & Granny Smith Apples
\$37/case (100 apples)
\$22/half case (50 apples)
\$15/Gift Box (20 apples)
Pickup at Webb Wholesale Foods
Nov 12 - 21 & Dec 15 - 22

Don Oberholzer, an active member of the Young Children Priority One committee who has been working with Laura Lammons to make and give dolls to sick or injured kids who end up in the AMH ER, explains one way to go about making the dolls:

"We had 22 dolls to stuff, and grandkids little hands and fingers worked very well. I may have violated child labor laws but I kept the devil at bay for an hour or two (the devil finds work for idle hands) while we stuffed all the dolls. Then I imposed on my wife to stitch up the open seam on the side to complete the job.



As you can see, it was a team effort, but I'll be glad to take all the credit. I am not humble!"

NOVEMBER LUNCH PROGRAMS
Nov 7: Tom Dodson - Soviet Union 1976 to Russia 2007
Nov 14: Star Telegram Consumer Watchdog columnist
Nov 21: Jerry Jones - AISD swim coaches
Nov 28: Captain Andy Miller of the Salvation Army
Dec 5: Paula Pierson - State Representative

IRA C. "MAC" MCKEE

Kiwanian since 1980

Ira (Mac) McKee was born to Ira Mae and Grover McKee on March 4, 1920, in Greenwood, Mississippi. He was the youngest of 5 children. When he was 9 months old, Mac's mother died of pneumonia. At that time his maternal grandparents took him and two younger siblings into their home to be raised. The other two siblings went to live with and uncle and aunt. Ira had little contact with his father, who was a successful businessman, but an alcoholic. His grandparents, Lula Mae and Edwin Roberts, provided a warm and loving home for the McKee children in Eupora, Mississippi. Edwin worked as a carpenter and the couple had lots of experience, having raised 8 children of their own! Being the youngest and favorite of Grandpa's, Mac was given the nickname of "Buss". Grandpa used to say, "Ain't no flies on ol' Buss."



In high school, Mac was a good student and Captain of the football team. He also played baseball outside of school. He graduated in 1938. Upon graduation, Ira went to Holmes Community College for 2 years. Not wanting to be drafted as a "foot soldier", Mac joined the Air Force in 1941. He wanted to be a pilot, but went instead to armament school at Lowry Field in Denver, Colorado. He was assigned to the Armament Section and stayed about 3 years in Shipton, Norfolk County, England, during the war. Mac made a few brief trips to North Africa during the war and returned to the States in 1945. At that time, he continued his education at Mississippi Southern College, studying pre-engineering. After 2 years, Mac re-enlisted in the Air Force and stayed there until he retired in 1970. While in the service the second time, he went to UCLA for a year to study meteorology. He was returned to St. Louis University to get his Masters Degree in Meteorology. He also took a specialty course in tropical meteorology at the University of Chicago. After that, he was Staff Weather Officer in Roswell, NM, Travis Air Force Base in California, Germany (4 years), Okinawa (2 years), and France. His nickname during this era was "Stormy".

In 1953, while in Roswell, NM, Mac met an Air Force nurse anesthetist named Grace. They got married in 1955. Their first child, Tina Sue, had a defect in her intestines and died at 3 months of age. The next 3 children are alive and doing well: Kathleen Ira McKee (KIM) was born in 1957, Sandy was born in 1959, and Edwin was born in 1960. Kathleen has 2 girls, Sandy has a son, and Edwin has a daughter. Kim lives in Michigan, but the others live locally. Mac lost Grace to cancer in 1978.

When Mac retired in 1970, he decided to "save the younger generation" by teaching. He had to take Texas History before he could get his teaching certificate, so he went to Texas Wesleyan for his Education degree. After teaching math at Bailey Junior High for 10 years he says, "I'm lucky to save my own soul!"

In 1973 another teacher introduced Mac to Ruth Johnson. After six years, Mac and Ruth married June 3, 1979. She also has 3 grown children; Lauren, Scott, and Janis. Together they have 17 grandchildren. Mac and Ruth annually attend her family reunion in Wisconsin in July.

After Mac retired a second time in 1980, Ruth insisted that he "get out of the house and do something". Taking her advice, Mac joined the Arlington Citizen Police Academy Alumni. He took a 13 week course, highlighting every department. The group meets monthly and has an annual fundraising project that provides needed items for the Arlington Police Department. That same year he also joined Kiwanis, thanks to an invitation from Jack Robinson. Mac has enjoyed knowing the other members and likes to be a part of Pancake Day, raising money for so many worthwhile causes. He also started volunteer work at Arlington Memorial Hospital. He works in the Critical Care Waiting Room, adjacent to The Heart Place. Volunteering one to two days per week, he has accumulated about 2800 hours.



Mac enjoys going to reunions. He has been to his high school reunions as recent as 5 years ago (attended by only 3 classmates). He also attends the 44th Bomb Group Reunions at a different location every year. A couple of years ago it was in Washington, DC, when the World War II Memorial was dedicated. He has also been back to England, where the British were especially cordial to the returning US Veterans.

At 87, Mac remains very active. He walks a mile almost every day, continues volunteering at AMH, and plans to continue traveling. He's looking forward to visiting Harrisburg, Pennsylvania next year, where the 44th Bomb Group has its next reunion planned.

Sign up to
Ring the Bell



UPCOMING COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

November

Prayer, Pledge & Song: Jim Killebrew, Board Member
InterClubs: Mark Permenter, Publicity

December

Prayer, Pledge & Song: Tom Dodson, Membership
InterClubs: Jannette Workman, TOY

January

Prayer, Pledge & Song: Kay Lancaster, Spiritual Aims
InterClubs: Laura Lammons, Young Children Priority One

October InterClubs...

10/2 Key Club Meeting

Jerry Jones	Rod Copenhaver
Sabrina Jones	Jamie Cisneros

10/9 Southwest Club

Jerry Jones	Kay Lancaster
Sabrina Jones	Larry James

10/25 Division Council Meeting

Dave Turney	Ed Kolbe
Larry James	Phil Porter

Schrackel, Rollins and Associates has been given the Starbuck's Community MVP Service Award by Starbucks and the Texas Rangers.

Congratulations for Perfect Attendance to Mary Sprouse (6 years), Ron Albertson (5 years), and Ben Armstrong (1year)!!! Ben has been a member for more like 3 years, but we have been extra lucky for his super participation and wonderful programs this past year!

November 9 at the First Baptist Church, the Governor will be visiting. Bob Gardner is organizing an Interclub. Russ Hagan and Larry James have agreed to attend, but they need one more person to go. Bill Carlisle said the club would pay the \$15 fee.

Jannette Workman announced that "Teacher of the Year" will be April 2, 2008. Her committee will be meeting next week to stuff envelopes.

Jannette also presented John Hyde, Wayne Clark, and Wendell Nedderman with a plaque for the generous donation from AMH for Pancake Day. Wendell then invited everyone to and Open House November 15 at 2PM of the new surgical wing at AMH.

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